

# Overview of 2023 General Assembly Session

RRTPO CTAC Meeting

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# 2023 Session

- With divided government, relatively few major initiatives
  - SCC oversight of utility fees
  - Realignment of state workforce efforts
- No overall agreement on budget
- Many senior legislators retiring
- Relatively little focus on transportation issues

# Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund

- Existing fund for transportation aspects of economic development
- HB 2302 and SB 1106 allow also to be used to enhance economic development opportunities of Virginia transportation programs

# Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund

- As originally proposed, bills would have required Governor to allocate \$100 million every year for TPOF. This would have reduced money otherwise available in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.
  - This provision was deleted in the approved bills
  - Amount to be allocated to the fund will be decided by legislature as part of the budget
- As originally proposed, TPOF would have been controlled by the Governor.
  - This provision was amended to require MEI Commission approval of project > \$35 million and disclosure of smaller projects